

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT District Attorney	(2) MEETING DATE 5/19/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Debra Vallely 781-5821	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign a renewal agreement (Clerk's Filed) with the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) in the amount of \$215,196 for the continuing administration of crime victim compensation for FY 2015-16. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chair to sign a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, an agreement from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, between the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) and the County of San Luis Obispo, including any extensions and amendments thereof.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State of California	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$215,196	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$215,196	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)  N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: June 19, 2012	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dan Dow, District Attorney

DATE: 5/19/2015

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **DISCUSSION**

The recommended action will authorize the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center to receive funds from the State of California in the amount of \$215,196 in FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18. These funds are provided specifically to offset the cost of assisting victims of crime who have applied for State reimbursement compensation for crime-related financial losses pursuant to Government Code Section §13954(c).

The District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center is authorized and mandated by Penal Code Section §13835 et seq. to assist crime victims with claim applications for reimbursement of crime-related financial losses by the state Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. In addition, since 1989, the Victim/Witness Assistance Center has contracted with the state to provide verification of crime compensation claims as provided by Government Code Section §13954(c). The local verification of state compensation claims streamlines the claim verification service, thereby reducing claim processing time and expediting claim payments for crime victims and service providers.

On May 15, 2012, the Board adopted a resolution that authorized an agreement between the state and the County from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. This request, upon Board approval, will replace the existing agreement with a new agreement from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018 for victim compensation claims verification services.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has approved the agreement and resolution for form and legal effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Under the terms of the current contract, \$645,588 is available from the State for FY 2015-18, or \$215,196 per year. This level of funding is equal to the last agreement with the State. There are no matching funds required. The contract will continue to fund salaries and benefits for claims verification staff, and a portion of the Victim/Witness Director's salary.

## **RESULTS**

Approval of this resolution and agreement with the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board will allow the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center to work with the state to process victim compensation claims for state reimbursement of crime-related financial losses within 90 days of receiving an application. As an ongoing performance measure, Victim/Witness tracks the percentage of crime victim compensation claims verified by the Victim/Witness Claims Unit that are also approved by the State for payment. During FY 2013-14, 97% of the claims submitted by the Victim/Witness Claims Unit were approved by the state for payment to victims and services providers. This is consistent with the Victim/Witness Assistance Division goal to reduce the effects of crime on victims, family members and the community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1 - VCGCB Agreement (Clerk's Filed)
2. Attachment 2 - Resolution